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Dr. Bruce G. Oldfield

Dear Dr. Oldfield:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March inviting me to speak to the 1961 Eastern Joint Computer Conference on 1, December.

Much as I would like to participate in your meeting, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your thoughtfulness in asking me to go with you is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your Conference.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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28 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: 1961 Eastern Joint Computer Conference (EJCC)

REFERENCE: Letter from Bruce G. Oldfield, dated 16 March 1961
(Attached)

This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such action is requested in paragraph 5 below.

1. The National Joint Computer Committee sponsors two major conferences each year - one on the west coast and one on the east coast. The fact that the east coast Conference is to be in Washington this year suggested that the principal speaker be one whose authority lay in the U. S. Government and further that he be concerned with the interpretation and use of information. There is no one in Government whose experience in this field surpasses yours. The choice of principal speaker was obvious to the General Committee.

2. Technical sessions will be held during the three days of the Conference on the design, programming, utilization, and future of computers. The theme of the Conference is "Computers - Key to Total Systems Control." If you elect to accept the invitation, the theme of your presentation might be "Information and the Synthesis of Intelligence." The division of your paper might be made analogous to the development of a computerized system with the position of the computer itself being occupied by the human intellect in the synthesis of intelligence.

3. Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, Special Assistant to the President (Science), has been invited to be the luncheon speaker on the day following your address. I understand that Dr. Emanuel Piore, Vice-President of IBM, will probably call you to urge you to accept the invitation to speak.

4. I should be very pleased to accept the assignment of preparing a draft paper for your consideration.

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5. I recommend that you accept the invitation of the 1961 Eastern Joint Computer Conference to be its principal speaker, and that you sign the attached draft acceptance.



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For your information and preparation of an appropriate reply for the Director's signature.

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March 16, 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Each year there is a Joint Computer Conference (JCC) held on the East Coast. This meeting is jointly sponsored by the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE), and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). The eastern meeting will be held in Washington, D. C. on December 12 to 14 at the Sheraton Park Hotel. The EJCC draws from a very large technical membership and we are particularly anxious to make the Washington Conference an outstanding success.

There will be a banquet on the evening of December 13 and we would like to have as our banquet speaker a nationally known Washington figure who has been associated with computers and information processing. We would be honored if you would be our guest speaker and discuss a subject of your own choosing.

Mr. Paul W. Howerton is a member of the EJCC Committee and could provide you with additional details, or I would be pleased to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Bruce G. Oldfield

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Program Chairman, EJCC

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Dear Dr. Oldfield:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March 1961 in which you invite me to speak to the 1961 Eastern Joint Computer Conference. I am very pleased to be able to accept your kind invitation.

Because the time for the meeting is not until December, I believe I should reserve the subject on which I shall choose to speak until you require it for program purposes. The production of intelligence requires many forms of information processing not just those associated with computers or other less sophisticated machines. I suggest, therefore, that whatever theme I may select be timely for your meeting and with certain exposition as to how information and judgment are combined in intelligence without specification as to the manipulative process. I should hope by following such a course that I might stimulate the development of powerful mechanized aids more directly to aid us.

Please express my appreciation to the Conference planners for inviting me to speak.

Very truly yours,

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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